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# Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/589,304

**Applicant(s)**

HEISE ET AL.

**Examiner**

ANDRE J. ALLEN

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2007.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-22 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-20 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 June 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8-14-06  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Priority***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claim 21 is objected to because of the following informalities: the recitation of "the control box" has no antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 12- 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogawa et al (US 2004/0246117).

Regarding claims 12,20 Ogawa et al teaches transponders 78 which are arranged in or at wheels or tires and communicate with respectively an associated wheel house transceiver 78 via a wireless unidirectional or bi-directional information and energy transmission [0083]; at least one control unit [0088] connected to the wheel house transceivers 78 arranged in the area of the wheel houses 18 by way of wheel speed sensor 90 and control conduits 10.

Regarding claim 13 Ogawa et al teaches the wheel house transceivers 78 are connected to wheel speed sensors 90.

Regarding claim 14 Ogawa et al teaches the control unit [0088] uses the wheel speed sensor and control conduits 10 or the wheel speed sensor control conduits 10 to transmit data from and to the wheel house transceivers 78.

Regarding claim 15 Ogawa et al teaches the wheel house transceivers 78 respectively comprise at least one transmitting antenna 54 62, with an electronic actuating unit 40 for transmitting energy and/or data to the associated transponder 78, and one receiving antenna 54 62 with amplifying circuit 12 for receiving and amplifying the tire information sent by the associated transponder 78.

Regarding claim 16 at least one transmitting antenna (20, 21) of the wheel house 78 50 includes a H-bridge (fig 3,4).

Regarding claim 17-19 Ogawa et al teaches at least one transmitting antenna 54 62 for the energy transmission to the transponder 78 50 comprises at least one coil/electromagnetic [0061].

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 21-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claims 21 and 22 cited prior art does not disclose nor suggest a control unit (6) or central box (10) includes at least one connecting conduit (18) and at least one additional actuating conduit (19) to actuate an additional transponder; the additional transponder is integrated into an ignition key or into a subassembly suitable to start the vehicle or to deactivate an immobilizer.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDRE J. ALLEN whose telephone number is (571)272-2174. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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